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CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]

COUNTRY [REDACTED] Germany

REPORT [REDACTED]

FIELD [REDACTED] Briesen Airfield

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED] This is UNEVALUATED Information

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The following observations were made at Briesen airfield between 4 and 20 December 1954:

10 December. There was air activity by Il-28s. The sky was 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and visibility was limited to 4 km. Beginning at 0930, individual Il-28s or U-Il-28s took off at intervals of about 15 minutes and headed to the west. After 8 to 10 minutes, the aircraft crossed over the field toward the east at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. After a flying time of about 30 minutes, the planes approached from the east with extended landing gears. Air activity was discontinued at 1430.

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11 December. At 1030, 2 Il-28s definitely [REDACTED] and 1 twin-engine transport landed at the field. These aircraft had not been seen at the field before.

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16 December. Between 0900 and 1600, 105 individual take-offs and landings were made at the field. Individual local flights were performed. No new aircraft markings were observed. During all the landings throughout the day, it was observed that 1 man was in the tail-gun position and that the weapons pointed upward at an angle of about 35 degrees. After 11 December, 25 Il-28s were daily seen on the usual dispersal areas at the field. No air activity was observed on those days between 4 and 20 December not mentioned above. Trucks [REDACTED] were repeatedly observed.

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[REDACTED] Command at Briesen airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment [REDACTED] and 28 Il-28s.

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[REDACTED] The information that 2 gunners were observed in the tail-gun position has been received from other bomber units in the area. The second gunner was presumably being repaired.

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